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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Father Darkleaf

By: Calvin Robinson

A special clipboard hangs on the wall in My Den and thereon I keep a sort of weather record. At seven A.M. I check the porch thermometer, then inside temperature and the reading on the fuel tank, plus a brief comment on what it looks like outside when I bring in the morning paper. Such things as frost on the windshield and how much seed in the birdfeeder. Monday morning everything checked out the same as it was on the same date a year ago, except we had two gallons less fuel. Ah yes, should we say that the more things change the more they remain the same? That tells us nothing as to a White Christmas or what will happen in February, but most conversations and many columns start off with something about the weather.

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Thanks to Mrs. C. H. McCall, of Pamplin, for bringing me several copies of The Basin Republican Rustler, of Basin, Wyoming, a fine newspaper of the Big Horn Basin area. Readers indulge one of my hobbies, that of seeing interesting papers from a distance. Thank you, Mrs. McCall.

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Mr. and Mrs. George L. Koos, Jr., of Tangent, Oregon, get out a nice family news letter around Christmas, and just received in this year's copy. These Times-Virginian readers are well known here. Mrs. Koos being the former Virginia Christian, daughter of the late Dr. D. A. Christian. Such a newsy letter. Virginia reports that they named the new kittens Mork and Mindy! I pass on their greetings to friends here.

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Along with Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Coleman, Mrs. Gladys Johnson and Mrs. Beck Hudson, we spent the week-end in Washington, Arlington and Annandale with Mrs. Eddie Barron and sons, Mrs. Lougenia Doss and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montgomery. Let us check the old note pad . . .

Gas prices ranged from 93.9 to 103.9, but most were closed on Sunday. A friendly policeman in front of The Capitol gave us detailed directions. By The White House and to see the National Christmas Tree, with its Star of Hope and the fifty decorated trees for our Hostages in Iran. So very impressive. I had no idea that the Watergate Complex was so large, housing such a variety of offices and shops. Or that the Metro traffic tunnel was so long. At the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts there must have been 500 people in double lines waiting to purchase tickets. And by the headquarters of the National Rifle Ass'n., Riggs National Bank, Lincoln Memorial, Lee Mansion, Arlington National Cemetery, The Monument, The Smithsonian, the sweep of Federal offices and departments, and then as a first time ever for me, a five mile drive along Embassy Row. That is where one sees most of the embassy offices of foreign countries. Yes, we slowed down in front of the large embassy of Iran, United Arab Emirates, Canada, Turkey, etc., and maybe the largest of all, Great Britain, with its statue of Winston Churchill out front. These buildings are so colorful, as though each nation was trying to impress America. Not much traffic, but joggers all over the place. No doubt about it, jogging has swept the nation. And finally, we stopped by a Pet Shop and they featured pets from parrots to tropical fish, plus pet supplies. Finally, I think D. C. was so quiet Sunday because the big item was the Redskin-Dallas Cowboy football game and for that one day little else mattered. Heavens to Betsy, I always feel proud when I go sightseeing in Washington. Thanks for reading.

EMPTY TABLES DESCRIBE the main portion of the day, Monday, when the Red Cross Bloodmobile made its regular visit to Appomattox. With a quota set at 112 units of blood for this visit, at the end of the day only 78 donors had given blood.

How would YOU feel if YOU needed blood and the blood bank was this empty?

Supervisors To Get Bids On New Jail

Bids for a new jail facility for Appomattox County should be received by the Appomattox Board of Supervisors in April according to its architect. At the Friday meeting, this report was made to the board and a target date of March 15, 1981 is slated for the jail's completion.

The new facility, approximately 5,000-square feet, will replace the present 84-year-old jail closed as a fire hazard, could cost more than $361,000, according to the architect's estimates. But the board members are concerned now with the possibility of reopening the old facility to avoid paying approximately $2,000 monthly for housing Appomattox County prisoners in Charlotte County.

Dr. S. R. Lawson, Chairman of the Board, said "you're talking about a year to 14 months" before the new jail is available, after examining the proposal of Hal Craddock, architect with the Garland M. Gay firm in Lynchburg.

That will be quite an expenditure to the county to have to haul prisoners back and forth, according to Lawson. The possibility of reopening the old jail was explored with the Corrections Department's reg-

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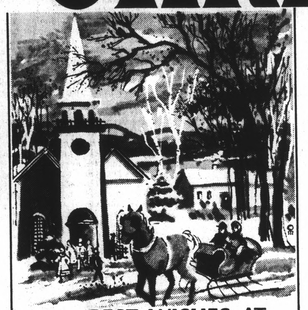
SANTA COMING TO PAMPLIN

The Pamplin Ruritans will bring Santa to Pamplin Saturday, December 22. Santa will arrive at downtown Pamplin about 2:00 P.M. with candy for all the children.

TOWN OFFICE ANNOUNCED HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Appomattox Town Office will be closed at 12 noon on December 24th, all day December 25th and 26th for the Christmas holiday. The office will be closed at 12 noon on December 31st and all day on January 1, 1980 in observance of the New Year holiday.



BEST WISHES AT
Christmas
We're hoping the holiday brings you many joys shared with loved ones.
It has been a pleasure to serve you.
TIMES-VIRGINIAN AND STAFF

58 Calls Made By Rescue Squad

The volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 58 emergency calls during the month of November. In answering these calls, 2,240 miles were travelled and they spent 223 ¼ manhours. The EKG equipment was used to monitor five persons en route to a hospital and five persons required oxygen while being taken to the hospital. Members treated a total of seven persons injured in four automobile accidents.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: abdominal pains, 6; chest pains, 6; breathing difficulty, 1; falls, 6; machinery accident, 1; gun accident, 1; broken bones, 5; overdoes, 3; auto wrecks, 7; maternity, 1; dead on arrival, 3; chain saw accident, 1; convulsion, 1; stand-by, 1; miscellaneous, 5; and 13 transports by doctor request.

In addition to responding to these calls, CPR and Vial of Life demonstrations were given in the community by squad members.

Times-Virginian Sold To Atlantic Publications

W. Lloyd Vaughan, editor and publisher of the **Times-Virginian**, will leave the paper December 27 after more than 17 years of service to the Appomattox community.

He has sold the paper to Atlantic Publications, Inc., a weekly newspaper based in Accomac, Va.

Vaughan bought the paper from Calvin Robinson in September 1962, after working 13 years for the **Farmville Herald**. A native of Victoria, Va., Vaughan has in 17 years become actively involved in many aspects of community life in Appomattox.

He is a member of the Lions Club, the American Legion, the treasurer of the Appomattox Development Corp., a member of the Fidelity American Bank's Board of Directors, and with his wife, Sarah, and son, Bill, belongs to the Liberty Baptist Church.

Vaughan has retained his office supplies retail sales business, and says he is looking forward to "slowing down a little."

"In leaving, I just want to say how much I appreciate all the help the people of Appomattox have given me and the paper throughout the years," Vaughan said.

"The merchants, the correspondents, everyone in the community has been most cooperative and helpful," he added.

"I was pleased that I could sell the paper to a company with the good reputation of Atlantic," Vaughan noted. "I'm sure the paper will be one the people of Appomattox can be proud of, and will continue to provide local community news."

George N. McMath, president of Atlantic Publications, said "We are extremely pleased to have the opportunity of being part of the Appomattox community. For many years, the **Times-Virginian** has upheld the finest traditions of weekly journalism, with the editor and staff devoted to serving the area.

"I am most grateful for the courtesies which have been extended by Lloyd Vaughan and the warm welcome which has been given by residents of the area. We now look forward to the continuation of ideals which have been synonomous with the **Times-Virginian**, and pledge our ongoing efforts to cooperate with local citizens and the religious, charitable and civic organizations."

McMath said new officials at the paper will be named in the January 3 issue.

Town Honors Firemen

The Town of Appomattox held its annual dinner honoring the Appomattox Volunteer Firemen on December 11th at Jeanne's Restaurant. In addition to the dinner, gifts of cash were given each of the volunteer firemen from donations given by local businesses and individuals. James Ford, Town Police Chief, and John Hall were in charge of collecting money to be given to the local firemen in appreciation of their service to the community. C. R. "Skinny" Wooldridge, Fire Commissioner, is shown in above photo, left to right, with James Ford, Town Police Chief; "Slick" Mitchell, Fire Chief; and Robert Childress, Assistant Fire Chief. John Hall was not available for the picture.

Lions Club To Meet December 20

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at John Mosby Inn Restaurant.

The Rex J. Bennett will be speaker for the evening's program.

What would Christmas be without carols? John Hall will be present to lead the members in seasonal singing.

All members are encouraged to attend.

TIMES-VIRGINIAN NOT TO BE PRINTED DEC. 27

The December 27th edition of the **TIMES-VIRGINIAN** will not be published next week so that the staff will be able to have some time off for the Christmas holidays.

The next edition of the **TIMES-VIRGINIAN** will be published on January 3, 1980.

BANKS ANNOUNCE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

American Federal Savings & Loan Association, Farmers National Bank, Fidelity American Bank, and First National Bank of Farmville Pamplin Branch will all be closed at 12 noon on December 24th and will be closed all day Decembr 25th for the Christmas holidays. All these banks will be closed January 1, 1980 in observance of the New Year holiday.

POST OFFICE ANNOUNCE HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

The Appomattox Post Office, the Evergreen Post Office, and the Pamplin Post Office will all be closed December 25th and January 1, 1980 for the holiday season.

There will be no window service nor rural delivery at either the Appomattox Post Office or the Pamplin Post Office on these dates.

CLERKS OFFICE TO OBSERVICE HOLIDAYS

The Office of the Circuit Court of Appomattox County will be closed December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holidays. This office, according to an announcement from Mrs. Barbara Williams, Clerk, will also be closed December 31st and January 1st in observance of the New Year holiday.

TRASH COLLECTION NOTICE

On December 24 and December 31 the trash will be picked up in the Town of Appomattox before 12 noon.

All citizens are asked to have their trash out by 8 a.m. on these dates.

COUNTY LIBRARY ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY

The Appomattox County Library will be closed December 24, 25, 26, and 31, and January 1 for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Note the holiday dates and plan your visits to the library accordingly.

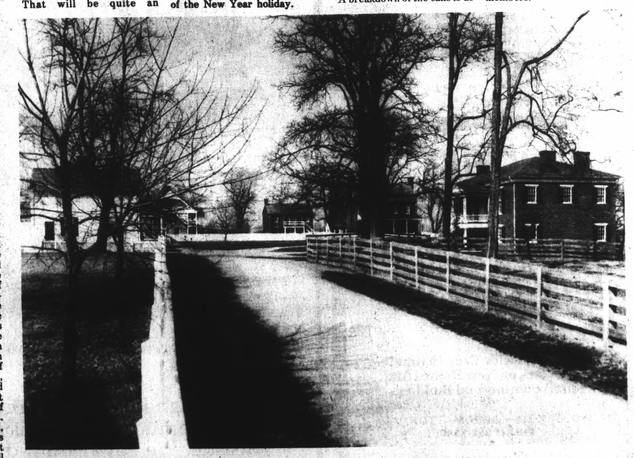
Fire Destroys Home

The home occupied by Mrs. Alfred Brown and her daughter, Gladys, on Route 2, Appomattox was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon.

Everything was lost with the exception of clothes on their backs.

Mrs. Brown wears size 24 dresses and her shoe size is 11 or 11½. Her daughter wears a shoe, size 9½ or 10 and 9-11 slacks, she can use size 12-14 or 16 dresses. All household items were lost, too.

They would appreciate any and all help anyone would be willing to give.



Sixth Annual Civil War Christmas and Peace Celebration Planned

Christmas, a time of peace and love toward our fellow man, will be celebrated on Thursday, December 20 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in a unique program at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park.

The village where the tragic Civil War was reduced to a "gentleman's peace" will come alive as the National Park Service hosts its sixth annual "Civil War Christmas and Peace Program".

The historic village will be decorated and lit as it it were 1865 from December 20 to December 27 with a special open house on the night of the 20th.

Costumed hostesses will welcome you to the decorated historic homes of village residents and Christmas carols will be sung around warm bonfires. So dress warmly and join in an evening of fellowship and reflection upon the spirit of peace where our country reunited.

Appomattox Court House NHP is located three miles north of Appomattox, Virginia on State Rt. 24 and preserves the site where General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to General Ulysses S. Grant on April 9, 1865.

This historical park is open daily year round from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except for December 25, Christmas Day.

Meeting of Financial Aid Held at ACHS

The Guidance Department at Appomattox County High School held a financial aid meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 1979, in the auditorium, for collegebound seniors and their parents. Directors of financial aid at three area colleges presented important information on the types of financial aid and how to apply for it. An excellent slide presentation explained the financial aid process. Speakers shown seated above, left to right, are John Kerns, Director of Financial Aid at Central Virginia Community College; Mrs. Brantley Townes, Director of Financial Aid at Randolph Macon Woman's College; and Mr. Hugh Scrogham, Associate Dean and Director of Financial Aid at Lynchburg College. Parents, standing, left to right, are: Mrs. Willsie Cobbs, Mrs. Serena H. Mosley, Mrs. Christine Ferguson, Mrs. E. A. Zimmerman, Jr., Mrs. Barbara M. Carter, Mrs. William Chenault, Mrs. Dan Harvey, Mrs. Eva Guill, Mrs. Peggy Guill, and Mrs. Herbert C. Garrett.